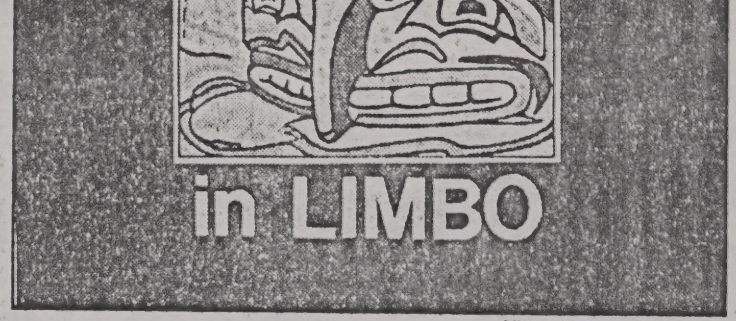

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The video logo for the PBS documentary 'Legacy in Limbo.'

firmative action: No," commenting on the Supreme Court's recent ruling on the Alabama State Police: It appears that Mr. Dunphy is not aware that affirmative action has been the law of this land.

Slippery words like "preferential and reverse discrimination" are inappropriate regarding the intent of affirmative action. The Supreme Court talks about remedy, correcting and redressing a wrong.

In 1978 the Supreme Court ruled against Brian Weber, a white steelworker in Gramercy, La. He was rejected by the company for entering a special training program in spite of his seniority over black workers who were affirmatively assigned over him. The black workers had been systematically excluded from working in Web
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The real problem is that the U.S. office of revenue sharing is not voluntarily enforcing its own laws, rules and regulations regarding continued discrimination.

The agency, which was to monitor the compliance of local and state governments receiving federal funds, now lies dormant and ineffectual.

William L. Stewart Rochester

Topfree reasoning

CONTRARY TO a statement in your March 21 article on the appeal of the Topfree 7 decision, we women did not remove our shirts in Cobbs Hill Park "as an exercise of their right to freedom of speech." We removed our shirts to protest and challenge a law that denies women equal rights.

Kathie Reilly Rochester

My understanding is as follows: Urgently pressed for space and proper care for their priceless artifacts, the board of directors of the museum is searching for a new, but more importantly, an adequate home that will allow it to retain its identity. A larger museum in downtown Manhattan has offered a wing in its complex for $26 million. The directors prefer a vacant federal building in the "good section of town." But, Senator D'Amato says it will cost $220 million for the building.

To add to the problems, H. Ross Perot of Dallas has offered $70 million for a brand new home in Dallas. This act caused an increased tempo in the squabbling between the top

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dollars disappear yearly in the form of waste, graft and corruption?

The New York state offer from Gov. Cuomo of $13 million is truly an insult to the Indian cause! After a little basic arithmetic, $13 million equates to .0318 percent of the $40.9 billion budget.

My advice to New York political leaders is to take off their blinders and start working together — keep this priceless collection in New York state! Furthermore, locate the new museum in Rochester. I guarantee there will be more than 50,000 visitors a year!

Laverne R. Waldron Hilton

OPINION 2

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Good news from a fan

REFLECTING back to the negative publicity given to the Rochester Amerks hockey fans at the start of the year has been an experience. You might recall that Sunday night, Oct. 12, Shane Churla conducted himself in a deplorable manner, and started an altercation that resulted in negative media coverage on a national level.

Now that the season is almost over, you might want to know that, because of the commitment of the Rochester Amerks organization, and 99 percent of the hockey fans in Rochester, the rest of the 40 games were great.

Just recently four youths joined our section of mainly season ticket holders. These youths were obviously loud, vulgar and apparently intoxicated.

After several verbal abuses toward a regular fan, the rest of the fans immediately tried (with success) to police this action themselves. The security staff was notified, and the youths remained quiet the remainder of the game. Hats off to those fans. Not too bad for a bunch of rowdy bloodthirsty hockey fans, huh?

We sometimes jump at the negative too fast, and respond to the positive too slowly. Thank God the Amerks didn't overreact as much as the media. We might not have any fans at the games.

Fred Gundell Pavilion

Holley needs a truce

AS A RESIDENT of Holley I was pleased to see the *Democrat and Chronicle* take a more objective look at our village and the Diaz Chemical Corporation than it has in the past ("Neighbors fume at plant," March 8).

I was dismayed at the story a few months ago about the drums of "unknown substance" found on the Diaz property. The inference was that Holley would shortly be another Love Canal. I did not no-

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